Jack Edwards

John Edwards was born in Wales in 1695 and emigrated to Virginia and in 1765 he moved to Orange County, North Carolina. He had a son, John (Jacky) Edwards, who came to Anson County, North Carolina from hear Raleigh in about 1800; his wife was named Sally, and they were the parents of five children, namely:

1. John (Jacky) Edwards, Jr.
2. Matthew Edwards
3. James Edwards
4. Elizabeth Edwards
5. Martha Edwards

brothers

Matthew Edwards married Patsy Griffin, daughter of Charley and moved to Marshall County, Mississippi about 1850. They were the parents of 8 children, namely:

1. Charley - wife Ann Stuckey
2. Culpepper, never married
3. Thomas
4. James, both went West
5. Elizabeth married Shelby Baucom
6. Lydia - married Andrew Baucom
7. Sarah - married John Hart
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2. Henry Marshall Edwards - married Linda Tho
3. Connie Edwards

Henry Marshall Edwards married Linda Thomas and their children were:

1. Hallie Edwards
2. Radie Edwards ----------→ Radie Edwards married Alberta E. Beachum and their children are:
   1. Arnold Edwards Beachum
   2. Miriam Alberta Beachum
   3. Alva Martin Beachum
3. Carlie Edwards
4. Clayton Edwards
5. Herman Edwards
6. Eloise Edwards
7. Marshall LeGrand Edwards

Miriam Alberta Beachum married John Edgar Gray, Jr. and their children are:

1. John Edgar Gray, III
2. Miriam Beachum Gray

b. Anson Co. NC
1-20-1823

John William Edwards
Private, Company B 26th
Regiment AK - Infantry
Confederate States Army
Enlisted Feb. 16th 1863 Monticello AK.
Company Muster Roll from Jun to Feb. 1864
last on file shows him present. No later record of him
has been found.
The above is a true copy Washington D.C.

John T. Edwards

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Sons: Jesse - June 23, 1872 Born - died April 1917

Cyrus (Pete) July 29, 1875 Born - died Aug 22, 1910

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Thomas Griffin settled in Anson County, where his children grew up and married. Jeffers the eldest child, married his first wife in North Carolina and had two children by her. When the marriage ended in divorce, he moved to Missouri and married again, leaving descendants in Missouri, Arkansas and Illinois. Charlie married Betsy Ross, daughter of James Ross; Thomas, Jr., married Annie Vann; Amos married Alsie Austin; John (Jackie) married Sarah Austin; Enoch first married Rebecca Austin and his second wife was Rebecc Robards; Nancy first married John Brewer and her second husband was William Barnes; Mol married Stephen Trull; Frances (Frankie) married Obediah Curlee; and Sarah became the w of William Hamilton.

The first of several land deeds to Thomas Griffin in Anson County was made in 1782 and w a grant from the State of North Carolina. He acquired other lands by purchase and home- stead entry. When Richard Griffin's wife died in Virginia in 1789, Richard deposed of h property in Virginia and came down to North Carolina to live the rest of his life in the of his son, Thomas. The first of many land deeds to Richard in North Carolina was made 1790. In 1794 he deeded his lands to others and died in 1795.

Thomas Griffin accumulated considerable property in North Carolina, chiefly land, which acquired by grant, entry, purchase and inheritance. Some properties were deeded to chil before he made his will. The copy printed below is from the original, with punctuation (or lack of it), capitalization, wording and spelling unchanged:

WILL OF THOMAS GRIFFIN, SR.
In the Name of God, Amen, I Thomas Griffin Senr. of the County of Anson and State of Nor Carolina, being Sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God. Do this Sixteenth Day of December One Thousand Eight hundred and Six, make and publish that my Last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,-
First, I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life the privilege use, and benefit of my house and plantation together with all my house hold furniture Stock of Cattle and hogs, and plantation other working tools except such as shall herein be other ways disposed of - provided it shall not debar my Son Enoch Griffin from building onthe Land in case he should think proper so to do in her life time.

I give to my sd. wife all the money due me, to be disposed of she shall think most proper for her own profit or to answer the relief of her childrens need Provided it shall not hereafter be other ways disposed of

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Enoch Griffin all my land belonging to or adjoining plantations, One Hundred acres on which Henry Hudson now lives only excepted, to him the Enoch Griffin his heirs & assigns forever ÷

Item Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Griffin fifty Dollars to be Raised out of my estate -
Item I will that my two daughters Mary Trull and Franky Curlee have each of them the va of twenty five Dollars apiece in property at the division of my estate - Over and above an equal share with the Rest of my Daughters

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Item I give and bequeath to my Son Enoch Griffin the sum of Fifty Dollars to be raised o of my estate, also my horse called Tobe to him & his heirs forever -

Item, Give to my wife during her Natural life my sorrel horse and two colts
Item, I give and bequeath to my son Enoch Griffin two cows out of my stock
Item, I will that my wife shall have the managing of my Stud horse during her life and t profit arising from him to be equally divided among all my sons and Daughters, an after her Death the horse to be sold and the value or price to be divided in the s manner.
Item, I will that my wife have the Liberty of disposing of my Land on Lanes Creek for th use of my Grandsons if she shall think their behaviour shall merit it -

Item, I will that twenty four pounds Sixteen shillings & ten pence be paid out of my Estate to the heirs of the Widow Harris -
Item, I will that Henry hinson have and keep the Tract of Land on which he now lives containing One hundred Acres provided he shall pay or discount the sum of Seventy five Dollars to my Estate, Then to him his heirs and assigns forever
Item, I will and Desire that all my Estate or so much thereof as shall be at my wifes Deccase that is not otherways disposed of shall be equally divided among all my Daughters that shall be then Living -

Lasty I ordain and appoint my two sons Charles Griffin and Thomas Griffin executors to this my last Will and testament In Witness whereof I the sd. Thomas Griffin Senr. have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and Date first above written -

Thos Griffin (SEAL)

Signed sealed published and pronounced by the same Thomas Griffin as his last Will and Testament, In presence of us, who in his presence and in the prsence of each other have hereunto subscribed our Names
Solomon Mullis X (his mark)
Jacob Little
David Griffin
State of North Carolina
Anson County

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During the so-called Reconstruction Period in the South crimes of that sort increased, and as convictions in Carpet bagger courts were seldom made lynch law was the Southerners' only choice for justice in crimes of that sort. Right or wrong, that is still the penalty and will probably continue to be regardless of horrified shrieks from descendants of the witch-burners of Salem and Boston.

Charlie Griffin, son of Thomas Griffin and Mary Elizabeth Mullis, daughter of John Mullis, married Betsy Ross, daughter of James Ross.

Children:	Patsy	married Matthew Edwards
	Jesse	married Nancy Williams
	Thomas	married Tilda Lotharp
	Washington	died young
	James	married Edna Bivens
Charlie		married Eunice Williams
	Elizabeth	married Coleman Austin

Will of John Edwards

In the Name of God Amen

I John Edwards Senr of the State of North Carolina and County of Anson Being
weeke in Body but in But in my proper sences and understanding do make this
my Last Will and Testament as tuching my Worldly goods after my debts is
paid I will unto my der son John Edwards Junr one Hundred and fifty acres of l
on Each side of the head of pine log Branch all so one Sorrel horse Bridle
and Saddle also one Cow and Calf also seventeen head of hogs allso one setting
Chears & one ax and Cutter plow hoe & all so will unto my dear daughter
Elezabeth Thomas one heafer yearling I allso lend unto my beloved wife Salley
Edwards all the remaining parte of my lands containin the land and plantation
whereon I now live In during of her natural life or widowhood together with
all other property of all Kinds that I am now presest of and after the death o
marriage of my wife I all so will unto my dear Son Mathew Edwards one hundred
acres of land lying on boath sides of pine log branch adjoining my Son John
Edwardses land I allso will unto my dear son Jeames Edwards one hundred Acres
of land including the Land and plantation wher on I now live I all so will unto
my dear daughter Marthy Edwards one feathr bed and furntude allso one cow & calf
allso one cotton wheel all so one Chiste and three setting chirs and water pale
& piggen after what I have allready given as above menchioned if any thing shou
be lefte I allso will that It sold be Equally divided BeTween my Two youngest
Sones Mathew Edwards and James Edwards I allso appointe and desiar that John
Broadaway Esquir and John Culpeper Esquire be Executors to this my last will and
Testamente this the third day of May one thousand Eighte Hundred and Eleven

his
John X Edwards Esenr
mark

aWitnesseth
Benj Clemey
Robertson pistole

Anson County Court 1814

Then this will was Exhibited in open court & duly proved by Robertson Pistole
of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Tod Robinson Clk